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EDITORIAL.

AS a college paper changes hands, it is customary for the new editor to express his hopes for success and to outline, to some extent at least, his plans for the year. If those plans miscarry, it becomes a source of grief to him that his views were so sanguine, and if the prospects become facts, it is of no real service to have outlined his plans to the readers of the paper. We have plans in mind, but, according to the preceding logic, it would not be at all in order to commit them to print. Then, all we can say is, that we will try to keep up to past records, and make the UNDERGRADUATE a representative college paper.

WE are very glad this issue to be able to print letters from two of our alumni, representing classes of years ago. It does us good to know that years do not take away the enthusiasm of Middlebury men and that her interests are still the interests of her sons. Such letters are an inspiration to us all and we need more of them to strengthen our love for our college.

IT may seem a little strange at first to see the old UNDERGRADUATE in a new dress, but we feel that a much needed improvement has been at last brought about. But we would not disobey a well established law and put old wine in new bottles, so we hope to make our paper full of new wine, that which is bright and sparkling. Our thanks are due to Hurlburt, '99, for his inventive skill and artistic talent in producing the new design.

THIS issue will reach many who have been subscribers and have discontinued or who have never taken their college paper. We will try to make it interest you and give you news of your college friends, together with the life of the college today. Let us suggest that it is a good time to subscribe now when the paper is starting out on another year of its existence. Look this issue over carefully and think whether you would like to have the official organ of the alumni and college in your home.

WE may excuse in the Freshmen, but in students of more advanced standing we should meet with righteous criticism any disparagement of the college in comparison with preparatory schools. Ours is a small college and preparatory schools may far surpass us in numbers, their athletic records may be better than ours and their teams may be stronger, but never for a minute should we sneer at our college because of it. Her record is an honorable one and if those men who are continually holding up their preparatory school as an ideal for our college to strive to attain to, would do their share of work too, they would soon have no reason to blush, as we who love our college do not now, when our institution is brought into comparison with other instutions. If the college is not what it should be, make it so.

ploying as skirmishers in the field beyond the mill, threw off their accoutrements and lay down.

The suddenness of the whole matter took me quite off my guard and I hurried into the mill and across the stream to get a better look at the soldiers, and, if possible, to discover the meaning of their presence. I had scarcely seated myself in a window, for, strange to say, the mill spanned the river, when the colonel and his lieutenant, followed by their trumpeter, left their places in the rear of the line and came out into the road near me. The colonel took out his field glass and eagerly scanned the woods which grew along the river bank and swallowed up the road about a half mile further down stream. He stood watching for a minute or two; then, lowering his glass, he remarked coolly, "They're coming." I turned to look where he indicated, and saw to my astonishment a column of United States cavalry, two hundred strong, ride out of the woods into the valley and wheel into line near the road. Halting, they dismounted and made ready to charge. The sun, now nearly down, bursting forth from a narrow cloud, shown full upon the horsemen. It made a glorious scene and one long to be remembered.

Suddenly the bugle rang out sharp and clear from the wood. The stern-faced old colonel now gave a few sharp orders which the bugles sounded and the prostrate line before me instantly came to attention. I could see here and there a blanched face and trembling hand, but the colonel knew his men and, as he slowly paced up and down before the line, he spoke cheering words to them.

Presently the cavalry charge sounded over the fields and they came thundering up the valley, halted a few hundred yards away, dismounted, and advanced on foot, every fourth man holding the others' horses. The stars and stripes waved above them in the breeze and my heart swelled with pride as I watched its sunlit folds.

But no more time to note these things. The battle is on. With fixed bayonets the infantry line stands silent and stern. Now I hear the orders from both sides at once. Commence firing! The bugles repeat it, and now on all sides the sharp crack of the rifles drown all other sounds.

A cavalry man hard hit in the foot limps off, using his gun as crutch. Another goes and now another. No one is down yet. But I turn to the other line for a moment. I see two young men at the left just in the act of firing. They seem especially brave and cool. One is tall and slender and seems too young for a soldier, but he bears himself well and steadies his rifle to fire. I hear the dull, sickening thud of a bullet and. see him drop his gun. The blood is trickling down his coat from a gaping wound in his breast. His face, ghastly pale, is turned toward me. Once he tries to pick up his gun as tho' to go on with the fight, but his strength is gone and with one last struggling gasp he pitches forward dead. I cannot bear the sight, and turn away sick at heart. But I am fascinated now and turn again to watch the struggle. My other friend is doing valiant work, but again that awful, deadly thud and down he goes, how badly hit I cannot tell. O merciful heaven! I see him rise to his knees and gasp in anguish! What a look of awful pain and suffering on his face! He makes one last effort, and, summoning all his strength, throwing up his hands with gaping mouth, he utters one last yell and falls dead.

The horror of it all was more than I could bear and I made my way as quickly as I could from the rear. The parties in the fight were so eagerly engaged in their deathly work that I escaped unnoticed and there fell upon my ears the sharp crack of the rifles, the whiz of the bullets through the air and ever and again that dull thud that meant so much to some poor soul.

It was reported next day that a trifling skirmish had taken place with but slight loss on both sides. As I read those words, there came before my eyes the picture of those two young men and I heard again the gasp and despairing yell that told of a death agony. A slight skirmish, indeed, but what of desperate battles and bloody wars?

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

The Junior Exhibition was held in the town hall, March 30. Prof. Wright introduced the speakers in the absence of Pres. Brainerd. The programme was one of unusual interest, owing to the historical nature of the programme, and the class had evidently put work upon their parts.

PROGRAMME.

Music.

1. LATIN SALUTATORY, *Florence Cragin Allen.
2. ORATION, *Walter Barrett Dunton.

Man: His Capacity for Progress.

daughters he journeyed to the city of Clodhoppers, and there sought and won an industrious helpmate, whose name was "It".

From the beginning their life was one of mutual affection and when the advent of twin boys gladdened their household, the fond father decided to name each of the children after their mother. So he said to his partner, "It, if it does not displease you, I will name the darlings Isit and Isn'tit, that when they grow to illustrious manhood and shine forth in their respective spheres, people may know that they are twins and are your own dear children." As It had no serious objections to it, the two children were named as the father desired.

Years go by and we see that Isit and Isn'tit have grown to ruddy-faced boyhood. They look so nearly alike that not even their father can determine which is Isit and which isn't Isit but is Isn'tit. Isit and Isn'tit also have a very strong resemblance to It, who is the only person that can distinguish the twins.

One bright summer afternoon Isit and Isn'tit wanted to go fishing and importuned their mother to put them up a luncheon.

It, fearing for their safety, refused them their request, but told them they might spend the afternoon in a visit at the home of Polly Snickerface. This estimable woman owned a large farm near by. So It kissed the frowns away from her sons' faces, and Isit and Isn'tit "went on their way rejoicing."

They found the good matron well and right glad to see them. Soon Isit and Isn'tit had forgotten all about their fruitless fishing schemes and became deeply interested in helping little Johnnie Corkscrew drive the insane bed-bug which was hitched to a little go-cart.

The infuriated animal madly plunged forward, and in one great exertion, kicked the dash-board off; then, rearing backward, she broke the cords that held her, leaped across the floor and disappeared in the ceiling.

After consoling master Corkscrew for the loss of his fractious steed, the two boys repair, with their companion, to the barn, where they chase the clucking rooster from his nest, or drive away the crowing hen.

Isn'tit, seeing a lusty fowl go triumphantly cackling under the barn, concluded she must have a nest under there, and, being less valiant than Isit, called upon his brother to seek the nest.

Taking off his coat and hat, Isit gayly falls upon his hands and knees and soon is far under the barn, vainly searching. But look! What is that crawling a little way in front of him? It cannot be a big black rat, for it has a bushy tail, and a squirrel would not be in such a place. So, calling to Isn'tit, Isit says: "Ah Isn'tit, look! What is it over there? Is it a funny kitten brustling up its tail at me, Isn'it?"

"Yes, Isit, I think it is. Catch it, for Mamma. It would like it, for it can catch mice;" replied Isn'tit. At this Isit made a grab for the animal and wisely caught it by the nape of the neck, to prevent its biting. But however quickly he caught the animal, still more quickly he let it go and makes his exit as fast as his hands and knees can carry him, saying, as he scrambles out, "Oh, Isn'tit! isn'tit mean of that old hen to break the dirty old eggs in the dirty old nest just as I caught the kitty. They smelled so I let it go and cannot carry it home to It. It is all on account of that old hen isn't it, Isn'tit?"

As he approaches, Isn'tit flees in dismay and cries out, "Ah, Isit, you must have stepped upon those eggs yourself, for the smell is still about you.' Sorrowing, the boys returned home. Vainly did It wash Isit with the floating ivory or the sinking Babbit's, the odor clung to him for many a week, so that he was obliged to make his bed in the haymow.

Can we not learn a lesson from this story? Yes; touch not, handle not what ye know not.

NONNE EST.

THE FIGHT AT THE MILL.

It was a dreamy afternoon in May and the slanting sun was making new scenes of light and shadow as it shone through the flying clouds. Spread out before me toward the north was a valley a mile or so wide, and a small river, which seemed to rise away off somewhere in the foot-hills toward the west. Even the river seemed to feel the calm of the day as it rippled along through the meadow and jumped down under the old mill near by.

I stood a little while admiring the scene and was about to turn away, when suddenly away off at my left I heard a bugle, and a moment later a column of soldiers came into view at double-quick, and de-

and do further the work of God throughout all lands, and especially in the colleges, which in so evident a manner make the history and shape the destiny of their respective nations.

Then, too, there is another branch of Y. M. C. A. work, which, with us, seriously needs attention and that is Bible study. If there is one subject in the whole range of knowledge that is worthy the attention of a young man or woman making a claim to a liberal education, it is the Bible. Yet but few college students devote much attention to the study of this remarkable book. With all the taxes upon the time and energy of the average student, but little time is left for this important work. Of the number of Christian students in 68 college and preparatory institutions in New England and New York, not one fourth entered Bible classes last year, and of those who did enter, 18 per cent did not continue two months. To be sure, many expect to take up the study when they are out of college, but it is a fact positively proved, that if the habit of regular, systematic Bible study is not formed in college, it is never formed, for in after life, with all its work and duties, one's time and energies are much more severely taxed than they are even in college. It is sincerely hoped that during the next year, at least one good class may be formed, and many will avail themselves of perhaps the best opportunity of one's whole life to give careful conscientious study to this subject, so essential to a strong, healthy, Christian life.

March 18 and 19, we received a visit from Mr. Robert E. Lewis, a traveling secretary in the interests of the Student Volunteer Movement. He addressed a meeting of the students, the evening of the 18th, on "The Opportunities of Students," and at the chapel exercises the next morning, was privileged to talk to some length on the "Work of Students Abroad." During the forenoon of the same day, Mr. Lewis had personal interviews with those specially interested in missions. A mission class was organized, and seven students reported to him as seriously considering missions as a life work. This visit did us a great deal of good in arousing more interest in the subject of missions.

In Boston, April 8–11 was held a conference of the college Y. M. C. A. presidents of the East. This conference was especially for the training of the presidents, who, for the first time, take up the duties of that office. John R. Mott, the senior college secretary of the international committee Y. M. C. A., presided at nearly all the sessions, three of which were held each day. However, instead of the regular session Sunday morning the 11th, the conference as a body went to the Clarendon Street Baptist church to hear Mr. Mott tell of his remarkable journey about the world, and the work going on in the various student communities abroad. None of those present ever realized the magnitude of the work being done in these countries, many of which are considered heathen lands, until heard from the lips of this man, who has made the first journey of its kind ever known. He brings the message from all these lands, that the work is very great but the laborers are very few. At the last, and perhaps most important session of the conference, a policy agreed to by the unanimous consent of all, was outlined for the ensuing year. The leaders of Y. M C. A. work consider these conferences of great importance, for it not only in a certain way trains those in attendance for their work, but also establishes that intercollegiate friendliness which is so important to our Christian work. The Middlebury association was represented by its president.

The following are the officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year:

President—H. F. Lake, '99.
Vice-President—E. C. Bingham, '99.
Recording Secretary—A. B. Corbin, '99.
Corresponding Secretary—W. H. Botsford, '98.
Treasurer—E. J. Waterman, '99.

COMMITTEES.

Membership—H. L. Skeels, '98, F. W. Cady, '99, G. B. Horton, '00.

Missionary—A. J. Bliss, '98, A. B Corbin, '99, T. A. Carlson, '00.

Bible Study—J. A. Lobban, '98, E. C. Bingham, '99, F. D. Chatterton, 'co.

Finance—W. H. Botsford, '98, E. J. Waterman, '99, O. R. Houghton, '00.

Intercollegate—W. B. Dunton,'98, G.W. Stone,'99, S. B. Botsford, '00.

Northfield—L. A. Brown, '97, W. H. Botsford, '98, E. J. Waterman, '99, O. R. Houghton, '00.

Y. M. C. A. TOPICS.

May 4.—A Living Christ; Christ-Like Living. Gal. ii: 19-20; v: 22-25. Oryis K. Collins.

May 11.—A Clean Life. Psalms cxix: 9-16. Clayton O. Smith.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of this Association in the Secretary's book, and shall read the same at any meeting when so ordered by the President or any member; sign orders with the President on the Treasury, and shall call the roll ot members at each meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all moneys of the Association and pay out the same upon orders signed by the President and Secretary upon the vote of the Association.

Section 5. The Base-Ball Manager shall have the general supervision of the Base-Ball interests of the college and shall be manager of the base-ball team (excepting the placing of the men in the field, which shall be done by the base-ball captain) and shall be held responsible for all property belonging to his department.

Section 6. The Assistant Base-Ball Manager shall assist the Base-Ball Manager in his duties, and perform the duties of the Manager in case of his absence or inability to perform the same.

Section 7. The Foot-Ball Manager shall perform the same duties under the same conditions in the Foot-Ball department as the Base-Ball Manager does in the Base-Ball department.

Section 8. The Assistant Foot-Ball Manager shall assist the Foot-Ball Manager in the performance of his duties, and perform the duties of the Manager in case of his absence or inability to perform the same.

Section 9. The Field Day Director shall have supervision of the annual Athletic Exhibition.

Section 10. The Nominating Committee shall report nominations for all regular offices of this Association.

Section 11. The Advisory Committee shall consult with the Faculty on all matters pertaining to this Association; and shall, also, audit all accounts and reports of all persons in any way connected with the finances of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

Finance.

Section 1. Each member shall pay an annual due of fifty cents ($.50), payable October 1.

Section 2. In case the expenses of the Association shall be more than is provided for by the annual dues, proceeds from the exhibitions given by the Association, and the receipts from the base-ball and foot ball games, the deficit shall be raised by a *per capita* tax to be levied by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of this Association regularly called.

ARTICLE VI.

Reports.

Section 1. Any report that has not been submitted to the Advisory Committee, and which does not bear the signatures of at least three members of the said committee, shall not be accepted nor paid by any officer of this Association.

Section 2. Appeals may be taken from the decision of the Advisory Committee to the Association and its decision shall be final.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Association, the amendments to be submitted in writing and read one week before being acted upon.

BY-LAWS.

1. The regular meetings of this Association shall be held on the first Saturday of the fall term, the last Saturday but one of the fall term, and the last Saturday but one of the spring term.

2. The annual Field Day exhibition of this Association shall be held during the spring term.

3. Should any officer or member of a committee neglect or be found incompetent to discharge the duties of his office, he may be removed from said office by a two-thirds vote of the house.

4. Any member, for improper conduct, may be expelled from a meeting by a two-thirds vote of the house.

5. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Association.

6. These By-Laws may be revised or amended by a two-thirds vote of the house; such revision or amendment to be submitted in writing and read one week before being acted upon.

This Constitution and By-Laws shall go into effect from passage, but its adoption shall not effect any man now in office.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

With the election of the new board of officers, there commenced a new year in regard to the Y. M. C. A. The thought of all that ought to be done and the temptations which may draw us away from its accomplishment and the probability that a great part will be left undone, make us earnestly desire more strength and ability to do God's work in the college.

We believe that every member should make a special effort, that active and effectual work may be done. We ought, even as early as it is, to be planning for the next year's work in formulating an effective campaign for the new students who shall come next fall, and in making up a representative delegation to go to the Students conference held at Northfield from June 25 to July 4. We believe that it is of paramount importance, both as a college and as an association, that we be represented there by a good delegation. It is the testimony of all the leaders of the college Y. M. C. A's of the East that in no other way have these associations received the impetus that they have received by the coming back in the fall into their midst again of those men who have been privileged to attend, and have been the better trained and educated for their work at this summer conference where Christian leaders and workers from all over the world gather in sacred assemblage, and by Christ-like, business-like methods under the guidance of the Spirit of God, plan for,

represented by President Brainerd and the assistant librarian, Prof. Wright's engagements preventing his attendance. The morning session was devoted to the examination of the exhibit of modern library appliances in charge of Mr. F. R. Fletcher the affable agent of the Library Bureau of Boston. At the afternoon session the programme of addresses, etc., was carried out substantially as published, with the addition of addresses by President Brainerd and Librarian Smith. Library Commissioner Landon presided and much interest was manifested by all present in the addresses and papers read. Our assistant is under especial obligations to Librarian Smith of the Billings Library, Miss Hagar of the Fletcher Free Library and Mr. Fletcher of Boston for courteous attentions shown him personally in his search after information on library topics.

ALUMNI NEWS.

[Any alumni or others who have old programs, announcements or papers of college interest would confer a favor on the college by sending them to Prof. M. R. Sanford. In view of the coming centennial, it is desired to collect a series of articles which would be of interest to graduates and friends of the college.]

[Contributions to this column are solicited from the alumni of the college. We shall always be glad to hear from you. Literary articles, verse, but above all reminiscences and news of alumni are desired. We intend to make this department the prominent feature of the UNDERGRADUATE.]

'23. We are very glad in this issue to be able to print a letter from Hon. Merritt Clark of Poultney our oldest living graduate. We have also received several poems written by Mr. Clark in his ninety-third and ninety-fourth year, which show a wonderful preservation of strength and energy.

"I have your letter of the 6th inst, asking me to contribute memories of college life, in the UNDERGRADUATE. I appreciate and thank you for the compliment. I entered college with little preparation, memory and health poor and a small effort proved a burden to the flesh. I was absent senior year, these circumstances have left an unhappy impression. In contrast my association with seventeen class-mates was pleasing and auspicious. The class of 1823 worked well and several of its members attained distinction. These circumstances should modify the coloring I haye given of my experience. Battell became a millionaire. He also made munificent benefactions to Yale and Middlebury colleges. Button held good rank as a lawyer and was register and judge of Rutland district. Conant was professor in Rochester University and engaged in the revision of the old testament. He left a daughter Blandina, who now resides at 187 Washington street, Brooklyn. Chipman was a member of congress from Michigan he divorced his wife and subsequently remarried her. Buel valedictorian, and Ormsby gave promise but died early. Farnham and Markoe left at the end of Sophomore year. Pratt became agent of Vermont Colonization society. Shaw, Day and Twilight become preachers. McDonald was poet and became an Episcopal clergyman. Battell was a wit, he nicknamed Day, dies-que; he called Twilight, interoctes and dies-que. I am ninety-four years old, unable to write or walk and have given you the salient characteristics of my class as well as I can memorize them.

Very Respectfully,

M. CLARK.

'48. Rev. W. A. Farnsworth, enclosing a renewal of his subscription for another year, writes us: "As a Middlebury boy of 1848, I am interested in the prosperity of the college and hope I may share in the festivities of 1900 as I did in those of 1850." Mr. Farnsworth's address is Woburn, Mass.

'48. The class of '48 stands by the UNDERGRADUATE well. Pres. J. E. Rankin frequently remembers us kindly and R. E. Maranville has written for us one of his characteristic, loyal letters which we publish with great pleasure:

Dear Undergraduate:—It has been some time since you have had any of my crude reflections, but a postal received recently from Brother Peck concerning "The Souvenir of Middlebury College" reminds me of a good opportunity to mend my pen—as we used to do "when our time was young, and birds conversed as well as sung"—and send you a kindly greeting. Do not, for a moment, think you are forgotten; we never forget a friend! We have never forgotten that old, white-headed, curly-haired darkey that helped us out of "Dixie's land, away down South in Dixey," when we were running the gauntlet in trying to get away from an impertinent Confederate official, who had more impudence than brains, in claiming we were a —— Yankee spy. No, that old darkey who ferried us "ober de riber, when de flood was high 'tis true," and who said so solemnly, as we parted, "God bless you Massa," as we dropped a silver dollar into his hand, will go with us down to the grave. Thank the Lord, we have never had an attack of the big-head! It has been so "plaguey cold" in Delaware this winter that thonghts would freeze in dropping from the pen's point. Judging from the last numbers of the UNDERGRADUATE the elevated character of your excellent monthly is not inferior to any of its illustrious predecessors. The "Souvenir" which the Junior class is to issue will certainly be unique, as well as eminently useful in many ways; and, as one of the Alumni we shall be delighted

with it. In overhauling our library to-day we came across the "Kaleidoscope of ninety-four," and of course we had to read and admire it again, for it is a thing of beauty and art, as well as an apt reminder of similar incidents that happened at "Old Midd." 50 years ago. Can it be possible there is an open, impassable sea of fifty years between the "Then" and the "Now?" Yes! One-half of a century has made its history since that small but sturdy, stalwart class of '48 walked to the front with stately step and manly bearing and spoke their eloquence into the listening ears of the fair women and noble men of that good old New England town, Middlebury. God bless that grand domain of ancestral heritage nestled so lovingly on the banks of the beautiful Otter Creek! If we knew that our departure to that "better land" would come within a week, we should start at once for that time-honored commonwealth where we were born, and would breathe our last expiring breath gazing upon her lofty mountains of living green. How beautifully the "dulce" and "utile" blend in the faultless lives of our Vermont ancestors who lived and labored and suffered when this nation was in its infancy, that we might enjoy a blessed inheritance! We ought to, and we do revere and pronounce the names of those matchless men who founded Middlebury College one hundred years ago, with great reverence. Neither should we forget their patient, self-sacrificing wives; for the women were just as brave as the men, and just as ready to face intolerable hardships. They were heroic "co-eds" during all the long four years of our college pilgrimage, and we are so sorry! Worthy women are coming to the front, and we say, let them come! They are pushing aside the lazy, brainless, lackadaisical men, and we say, let them push! They are filling the ranks of the "do nothings," with "Do Somethings," in this great battle of life which is sounding out the nineteenth century so gloriously. It was well and truthfully said of Burns, that he was always somebody and never nobody. Oh! Woman "coy and hard to please," and that's a cardinal virtue. Their faults, what few they have lean, to virtue's side. But, Dear UNDERGRADUATE, I reckon we had better "stop short," right here, and so we say, "God be with you till we meet again."

R. E. MARANVILLE,
March 10, 1897. Milford, Del.

In a recent issue of the Milford Herald we noticed an announcement of lecture by Prof. Maranville on the "Life, Genius and Character of Robert Burns."

'51. In a recent letter from Pres. Boardman of Maryville College, he writes: "I approve heartly of every effort to make the most of the closing years of the first century of the college. I wish more were made of the fiftieth anniversary of the successive classes. My brother George's comes this year. A few are living. I hope to send an article or two to your publication, when I have leisure." We received a short time after this letter a Souvenir Number of the Maryville publication, "College Days" containing cuts of the faculty, college buildings, organizations, etc., giving a good idea of the college as it is now.

'60. A letter from Rev. D. H. Adams enclosing renewal of his subscription contains some pleasant words for the college and UNDERGRADUATE. "I wish you success in your good work. I have very pleasant recollections of 'Old Midd.' I am of the class of '60, one of the old graduates, yet I feel young and am doing my work with little friction." Rev. Mr. Adams is pastor of the Free Baptist Church in Hampton, N. H.

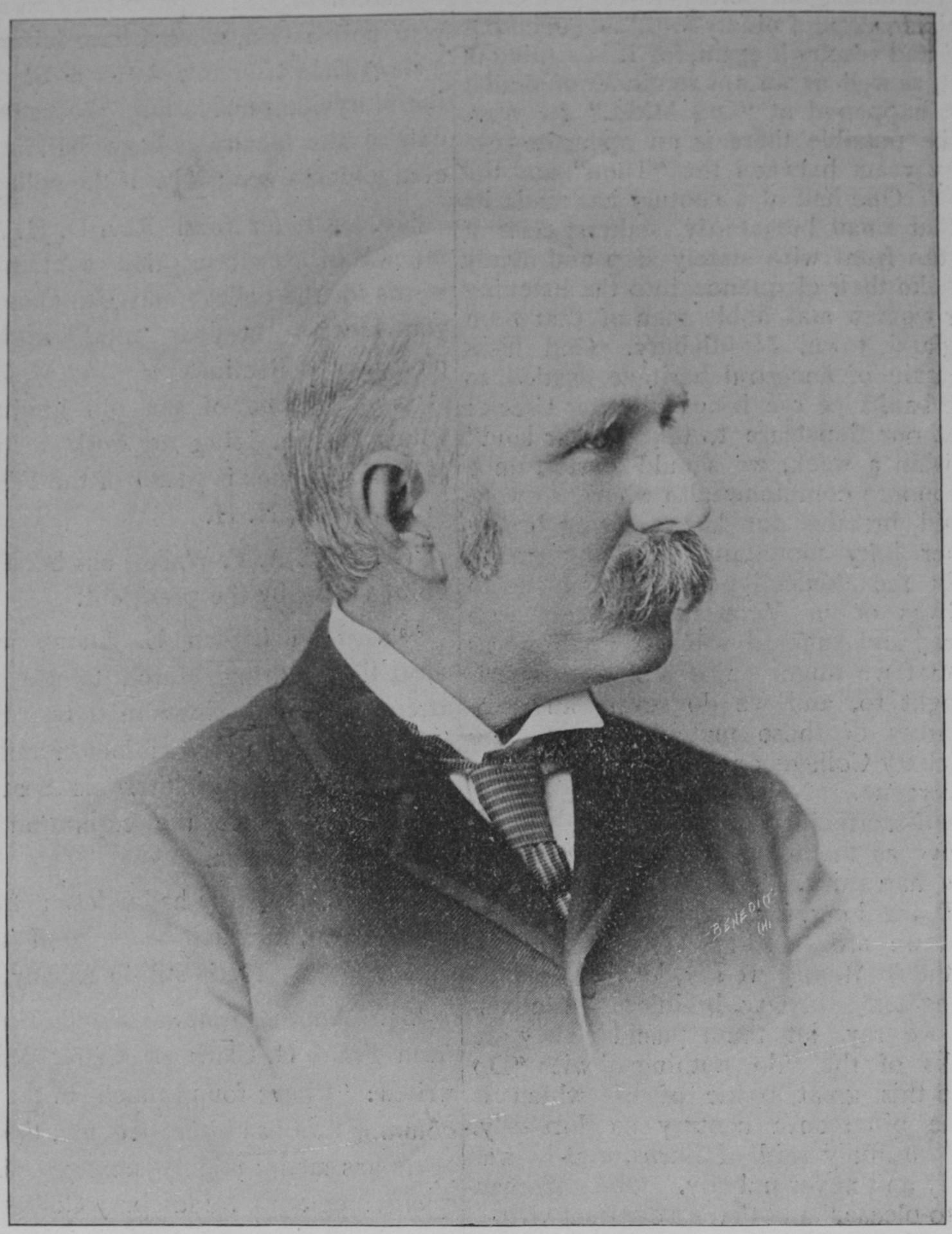
'62. Col. A. F. Walker has been appointed West Point visitor by the president.

'62. Hon. Lyman E. Knapp was in town for a short time during March to see old friends and attend to some business matters. He was present at the inauguration at Washington and came from there here. His present address is Seattle, Wash., where he has been since the expiration of his term as governor of Alaska.

'63. We recently had a letter from Judge Lawrence Flinn, in which he spoke of the friends of his college days. He is still in Albany, Oregon.

'64. Another renewal of subscription was received from Frank G. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He writes: "I have found much in the UNDERGRADUATE columns that has interested me, though the flight of years has made mighty changes since my first acquaintance with Middlebury College in 1860. With the advent into my home of its UNDERGRADUATE, there always comes back to me, many episodes of the stirring scenes of 60–65. These quieter times ought to make better scholars—although we did have some fair ones, even then." Mr. Clark wished us to mention to his classmates, the president and librarian that he is still o. k.

'69. We recently received a copy of the contribution of the Taylor Memorial Aid association, established among the school-officers and teachers of St. Paul, Minn., for the relief of its members in case of sickness or accident. We notice that Prof. Henry S. Baker of the Jefferson School was elected as president. Twenty-six schools are represented on the list of membership.



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'69. In a February issue of the *Northwestern Mail* of Madison, Wis., was an extended article on the growth and present prosperity of Ripon College, illustrated with views of the college and an excellent portrait of the president, Rufus C. Flagg, D. D., one of our best known alumni. "On his mother's side, Pres. Flagg is a direct descendant from Robert Cushman, the agent of the Pilgrims in England, the purchaser of the Mayflower; having come to this country in 1621 aud preached the only sermon that as come kown to us from those times." Pres. Flagg received the degree of D. D. from our college in 1891 and was called to his present position in February, 1892. We are indebted to the *Northwestern Mail* for the portrait of Dr. Flagg which we reproduce in this issue.

'69. Col. F. D. Mussey is very seriously ill at Dr. Russel's.

'71. Prof. Howard delivered an address before the society of Sons and Daughters of Vermont, at Springfield, Mass., Monday evening, April 19th.

'71. Since our last issue we have received an invitation to be present at the Seventh Annual Banquet and Reunion of the Vermont Association of Minnesota, held at Minneapolis. Prof. C. W. Hall is president of the association.

The April number of the "Auburn Seminary *Review*" contains a list of graduates and some-time students of the seminary who are also alumni of Middlebury. The list includes the names of graduates from Middlebury classes between the years 1821 and 1866. The article is by Rev. W. S. Jerome, to whom we are indebted for a copy of the "*Review*."

'59. We received about two weeks ago news of the death of William Henry Knight. We wrote for additional information but have been disappointed. Mr. Knight taught for some years near Boston and received the degree of LL. B. from Boston University in 1878, and commenced the practice of law in Boston.

'77. Through the business manager we received a brief word from Rev. Calvin B. Moody, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church, Minneapolis. His address is changed to 1327 North Emerson Ave. He writes: "I always take great pleasure in reading anything that tells of the prosperity of old Midd."

'82. S. J. Preston, the principal of the Mamaroneck Graded School, Mamaroneck, N. Y., in renewing his subscription for the year, writes us an encouraging line: "May the year be one of prosperity to the UNDERGRADUATE, the staff of officers and the 'old college.'" Mr. Preston, as we learn from other sources, is having great success in his work. He has been in his present position since graduation and has built up the school by his faithful work.

'85. George P. McGowan was around college since our last issue.

'91. E. W. Benedict, who is principal of the Salem, N. Y., high school, was in town recently.

'91. In the St. Patrick's Day number of Modern Men, published at Dayton O., there was a short notice of Dr. D. G. Reilly under the article, "Prominent Irish-Americans of To-Day." "At the age of eighteen he was employed in the cotton mills at Palmer, Mass., and could hardly read or write; but supported by an indomitable will, he mastered trials and poverty and eventually graduated as the valedictorian of his class in the medical department of the University of Vermont and today is recognized as one of the leading physicians of Dayton." There was an excellent portrait of Mr. Reilly among the illustrations.

'95. Miss Bertha Brainerd spent her spring vacation in Middlebury.

'95. Fullam recently favored the UNDERGRADUATE office with a very pleasant visit while on his way through town.

'96. Miss Pollard was in town for a few days at Junior Exhibition time.

'96. Wilcox passed through Middlebury on his way to Johns Hopkins. He had been called home by the sudden death of his mother.

'96. Blossom has left the Institute of Technology owing to ill health and is now engaged with the government survey in the State of Utah.

'96. Charles A. Munroe has passed his law examinations and has been admitted to the bar. He has entered into partnership with Thos. S. McClellan, a leading Chicago lawyer.

'96. Lamson has recently had an attack of the measles which kept him from his active duties for two weeks. He is planning to enter the Rochester Theological Seminary next fall.

'96. We met Davis recently in Rutland and spent several hours with him. He is still studying law with G. E. Lawrence, besides carrying on his duties as one of the most prominent officials in Mendon.

OBITUARY.

GEN. JAMES M. WARNER.

Gen James M. Warner, formerly one of our trustees and a warm friend of the college, died suddenly on the evening of March 16, in New York city. Gen. Warner was one of the most prominent citizens of Albany, and at the time of his death was president of the Albany Card and Paper company, besides holding positions as director of other companies.

He was born in Middlebury in 1836 and at the age of 19 entered West Point, having as classmates Gen. Wilson, Gen. Merritt and Gen. Horace Porter. t the beginning of the Civil War, he was called to Washington and made colonel of the 11th Vermont Volunteers. He was rapidly promoted for bravery and ability and was made brevet-brigadier general of volunteers for distinguished service at Spottsylvania. During the Shenandoah campaign he won distinction and at the storming of Flint Hill, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek his leadership proved irresistible.

The government further recognized him by conferring upon him in succession the rank of brevet lieut.-colonel and colonel in the regular army. During Gen. Grant's siege of Petersburg, Gen. Warner commanded a brilliant assault on the enemy's intrenchments on March 26 and again on April 30.

He took an active part in the battle of Sailors' Creek, one of the closing engagements of the war. He witnessed the surrender of Appomattox. At the close of the rebellion he was a brigadier general of volunteers.

In 1866 he resigned and became a resident of Albany. In 1867 he had the honorary degree of A. M. conferred on him by the college, and in 1885 he was elected one of the trustees. His death was a loss to the college in which he took such an interest.

PROF. HENRY B. MITER.

We, who had known Prof. Miter but a short time, yet in that time learned to honor him, were shocked to learn of his death in Hutchinson, Kansas, on April 3d, after an illness of but five months, with consumption. While he was with us, he showed himself an earnest friend of those under his charge, taking a personal interest in their success. He was enthusiastic in his work and always ready to give suggestions, oftentimes at his own inconvenience. We could not help doing our best under his direction and we could feel sure he was doing his best for us. Always genial, never sarcastic, he impressed himself upon us as a man of noble ideals and diligence in striving after them.

He was a graduate of Ripon College in the class of 1873 and took a four years' course at Andover Theological Seminary. Later he took a thorough course in elocution in Boston and made this his life work. Previous to his coming here, he had been for four years at Marietta College as professor of oratory and expression Those who were looking forward to another meeting with Prof. Miter will indeed miss him as Commencement comes again, and we feel a personal loss in his death.

According to the latest report of U. S. Commissioner of Education Harris, there are in this country 481 colleges and universities. These received during the past year a total income of $15,783,638, employed 8459 instructors, and enrolled 63,402 undergraduates and 4,273 graduate students.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks, both to the College Quintete and the Chi Psi Fraternity, who so kindly contributed music and flowers after the death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. L. N. HOWARD,
MR. L. R. HOWARD.

Middlebury, March 19, 1897.

Mr. L. N. Howard of Middlebury, died March 19, after a long illness. His son, L. R. Howard, is a member of the class of '99.

LOCALS.

Stetson, 1900, is seriously ill with fever at Mrs. Avery's.

Professor Bryant spent part of the vacation in Boston.

Stearns, 1900, is recovering from an attack of fever and erysipelas.

Hurlburt, '99, preached for Thomson, '99, in Weybridge, Sunday, April 11.

Miss Crampton, formerly of '98, visited friends in college during Junior Ex.

Brown, '97, preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning, the 18th.

The Pi Beta Phi society has changed its rooms, moving into the Battell block.

College began again April 12, the vacation being extended on account of Fast Day.

The senior class of the High School gave a play, April 23, entitled "A Scrap of Paper."

The Addison House is now under new management and is being enlarged and refitted.

The Apollo Quintette furnished music at the Odd Fellows' celebration, Wednesday evening.

Houghton, 1900, has come up to college. Batchelder, 1900, has taken his place at Dr. Eddy's.

Prof. Sanford has moved from the Addison House and has taken rooms in the Lyman E. Knapp house.

Russell and Cadwell of '97 took the civil service examinations in Burlington at the beginning the term.

The Young Women's Christian Association has invited the different members of the faculty to deliver short addresses at their Wednesday afternoon meetings.